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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert C. McFarlane
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: NSSD on US Third World Hunger Relief

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1. The subject of the NSSD is of obvious importance, and the terms of reference appear to be well thought out. I have asked Director of the Office of Global Issues, to represent the Agency on the NSSD.

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2. We believe that specific attention should be given to the probable political impact both of hunger and of possible US efforts to alleviate hunger in those Third World countries of greatest importance to the United States. In particular, the possibility that ill-conceived US efforts in this area could upset the political or social balance in certain Third World countries or undermine ongoing programs of friendly governments should be examined.

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3. The possible effect of expanded food assistance programs on trade patterns and future agricultural production in the Third World should also be addressed.

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/S/ John N. McMahon

John N. McMahon
Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Executive Director

FROM: Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: NSSD on US Third World Hunger Relief

1. Action: The attached memorandum to Robert McFarlane is for your signature.

2. Background: Given the US domestic implications of many aspects of the subject, I don't think that the Agency should get heavily involved. It might be appropriate, however, for OGI to do a paper on the economic effects of expanded food aid on agricultural production in the Third World and on agricultural trade in general. The effect on the ability of Third World nations to service their debt--increased food aid could cut both ways on this issue--could also be treated as well as the issue of political stability.

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for Robert M. Gates

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Executive Secretary
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SUBJECT: NSSD on U.S. Third World Hunger Relief (S)

The President has directed that a study be conducted to develop a creative and comprehensive U.S. food assistance program and that a National Security Study Directive: U.S. Third World Hunger Relief, with options as appropriate, be submitted for National Security Council consideration and Presidential decision, not later than April 15, 1984. (S)

The Department of State will chair this study; the Agency for International Development will serve as the deputy chair for this effort. It has been agreed that Ambassador Robert Keating of the Department of State will be study chairman. (S)

Management of the NSSD review will be the responsibility of an interagency steering group led by Ambassador Keating; agency representation on this steering group will be at least at the Assistant Secretary level. Interagency working groups will complete specific tasks and then report their results to the study's steering group. The steering group will submit its final study to the NSC. (S)

Agencies should provide comments on the attached draft National Security Study Directive terms of reference by COB February 10, 1984. (S)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Attachment
 TAB A Draft NSSD


 Robert C. McFarlane

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